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Chapter 6
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I LOVE YOU
A Secret "I Love You"

GIVE US SOME CASH AND WE'LL LET YOU LEAVE UNHARMED!
BECAUSE THAT'S HOW IT IS
FOR THIS YOUNG GIRL, THE SITUATION WAS CRITICAL
BUT... WE HAVE NO MONEY.
THERE'S NO USE SNIVELLING! GET A MOVE ON...
OOH THE PRETTY PINK DOTS! ♥
HELP SOMEONE HELP US
WELL THEN WE'RE GOING TO HOLD ONE OF YOU CAPTIVE WHILE THE OTHER GOES TO FETCH SOME MONEY!

YOUR FACE IS SCARY BUT YOUR UNDERWEAR IS VERY CUTE ♥
Your panties go well with your tights
FLAP
BUT WHO ARE YOU?!
YOU'RE FROM SANRYOU HIGH SCHOOL, THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT? ^^ ♡
THESE POOR YOUNG GIRLS ARE ONLY IN JUNIOR HIGH. LEAVE THEM BE.
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
CLINK
SPECIAL ATTACK

COME FORTH, THUNDER OF SKIRTS!!
Argh!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, FILTHY SEX MANIAC!!
KYAAA!
I'D HAVE PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE USED THIS TECHNIQUE.
Thanks
IN THE FUTURE, DON'T TRUST THESE AWFUL BIG GIRLS
Tap Tap Tap

I don't know how
BUT... HE SAVED US
BUT THE CRITICAL SITUATION...
I'M COMING! I'M COMING!
Sadaiji! What're you doing?
...TURNED INTO AN OVERWHELMING ENCOUNTER
DING DONG
HEY THERE, YUMIKO?! You're running late
HURRY HURRY
THE TEACHER HASN'T ARRIVED YET? PHEW!

BY THE WAY, SACHI TOLD ME YESTERDAY SOME GIRLS INTENDED TO EXTORT MONEY FROM YOU!
AND THAT A HANDSOME HIGH SCHOOL BOY SAVED YOU.
A real singer from a boys band
Now you'd go back to your seats!
Gasp!
YE... YES
Thump
Thump
I SHOULD HAVE ASKED HIS NAME
ME AND MY DAMNED NERVOUSNESS!
Thump
Thump
I HEARD HE WAS CALLED SUDOU BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHICH YEAR AND WHICH CLASS HE IS IN
School Days
WHAT?! BUT THIS IS MY BROTHER'S BOOK!
I MADE A MISTAKE! I HAVE TO RETURN IT TO HIM!
Come on!
MANATO! POSE NEXT TO KENJI

WHERE'D YOU GET THIS CAMERA, YAJIMA?
IT'S A GIFT FROM MY COUSIN
SNAP
Cheese!
I'D REALLY LIKE TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER. I'LL BE ABLE TO PRACTICE.
GREAT! TAKE ME AS A MODEL!
AH YEAH, COOL! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE A NUDE PICTURE OF HER!
ERR...
SNAP
SNAP
I was joking.

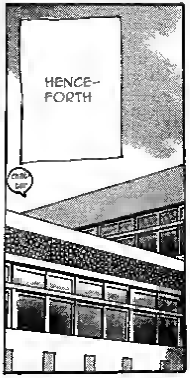
DARN I'M LOST...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I HAVE BEEN OVER TO THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS
OH? SHE LOOKS LIKE A JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT
TRIP
AAAH...
Dash
WATCH OUT!

ERR?
Blub Blub
SPLAAASH
OOPS! I NARROWLY ESCAPED!
THUD
IT'S NOTHING IT'S NOTHING! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
Squeeze
I'M SORRY YOU WANTED TO HELP ME
YOU COULD HAVE SOME PROBLEMS!
ATCHOOO!
I WAS LOOKING FOR MY OLDER BROTHER, BUT I GOT LOST...
OH, REALLY? WHAT'S HIS NAME? IN WHICH CLASS IS HE? I'LL WALK YOU BACK!

WHY'RE YOU SOAKED?!
WHAT? AKIHIRO YAJIMA?! BUT THEN...
SHE'S REALLY NICE
SIS!!
EH?
IS IT POSSIBLE?! IT'S HIM!!
THIS GIRL IS HIS SISTER?!
Hide
AH MANATO WHERE'S YAJIMA?

YOUR SISTER IS...
WHAT?
BESIDES, HE'S A FRIEND OF MY BROTHER?!
HEY! YAJI-MAAA!
RU——N
HIS NAME IS MANATO MANATO SUDOU!
In addition, I've talked to his sister.
HE KNOWS WHO I AM NOW!
Thump Thump Thump
OH! WHAT A SHOCK!
OH? I'VE ALREADY SEEN THIS GIRL...
YUMIKO?
What's the matter with her?
Thump Thump Thump

Chugga
Chugga


HENCE-
FORTH

THEN, SHE'S YOUR SISTER, YAJIMA?
AH, YES! SHE'S THE GIRL FROM YESTER-DAY!
I sensed her from those glasses
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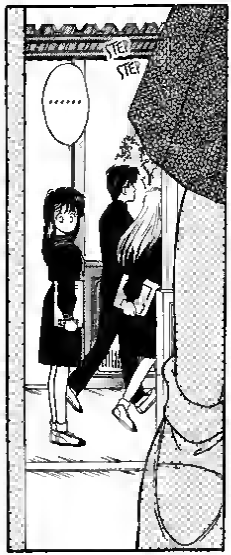
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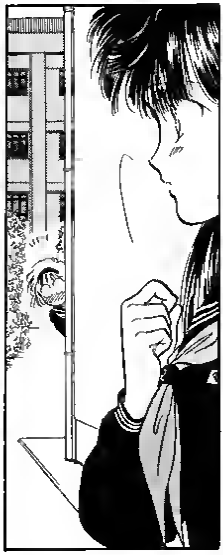

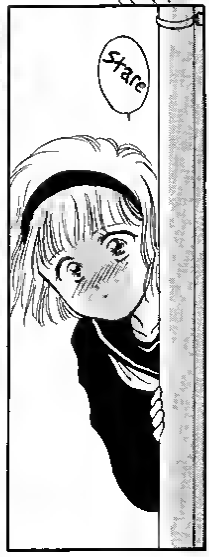
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KICK
YUMIKO, IS THAT YOU?
THAT GIRL AGAIN?
SIGH

YOU'RE COMING HOME REALLY LATE! WE'VE ALREADY HAD DINNER. MOM WOULD'VE LIKED YOU TO HELP HER PREPARE EVERYTHING
SORRY, PLEASE APOLOGIZE TO HER FOR ME
SHE DOESN'T LOOK WELL. YESTERDAY SHE DIDN'T EAT ANYTHING LAST NIGHT EITHER
Sigh
ODD
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HER AT SCHOOL
MANATO
Thud
Hey you. It's a shoujo manga.

WITH ASUKA
THEY SEEM VERY CLOSE THEY ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER
I'M LUCKY ENOUGH THAT MY BROTHER IS IN THE SAME CLASS AS HIM
BUT I WOULD RATHER BE IN HIS PLACE
I COULD ASSOCIATE WITH MANATO
IF ONLY I WERE OLDER AND MORE FEMININE
I HAVE NO HOPE IN BEING LOVED BACK
THAT'S THE PHOTO I TOOK.
When did she steal it from me?
COULD SHE BE IN LOVE WITH MANATO?

DING
DONG
HE'S NOT COMING TODAY.
OH
YUMI.
ATCHOO!
BLUSH
ERR, NO, THAT'S NOT IT... I WASN'T LOOKING FOR MANATO.
A—ASUKA?!
YUMIKO. IS IT? IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MANATO, HE WAS CALLED INTO THE TEACHER'S ROOM.
SHIP

YOU ARE STILL TRYING TO SEE HIM.
I WAS RIGHT
DROP
IT'S, IT'S A SECRET
AND A PHOTO OF MANATO
AH! I...IT'S!
BUT WHY?
DON'T REPEAT IT TO ANYBODY, AND ESPECIALLY NOT MANATO I BEG YOU!
IF HE KNEW, I WOULD NEVER DARE TO REAPPEAR IN FRONT OF HIM AGAIN
I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF
WHEN HE LOOKS AT ME, MY HEART STOPS

...THAT SUCH AN INNOCENT GIRL STILL EXISTS NOWA-DAYS
A FAVOR?
I'M AMA-ZED...
SO PLEASE KEEP THAT A SECRET!
ALL RIGHT, BUT WHAT ARE YOU OFFERING ME IN EX-CHANGE?
FIVE PORNO VIDEOS THAT MY COUSIN GAVE ME?
I don't want them anyway
WELL... I'D LIKE TO HAVE A DATE!
DEAL! DEAL! WHATEVER YOU WANT!!

PLEASE, MANATO!! IF YOU WANT, I WILL GIVE YOU TEN VIDEOS!
ONCE! ONLY ONCE! PLEASE!!
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME... IT BOTHERS ME TO DO IT BECAUSE OF ASUKA.
ARRRGGH!
ERR, YAJIMA, I'M VERY FLATTERED, BUT...
BUT I CAN'T BEAR IT ANY LONGER!! TO GO TO SUCH AN EXTENT AS TO NOT EAT, IT MUST BE A SERIOUS MATTER.
IT'S GOING TO BE THE FIRST TIME, SO I'M NOT SURE I WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT...
Eh, what?
THEN... ALL RIGHT
If it's that kind...
Ten videos?
Huff Huff Huff
THEN, ONLY ONCE!
Kiss

I ASKED ASUKA ABOUT IT BEFORE-HAND AND SHE AGREED TO IT.
YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS A SECRET, SO I CAN'T TELL YUMIKO ANYTHING.
BUT I CAN'T! I'M GOING OUT WITH ASUKA!
WHAT?!
IT'S NOT FOR ME!! IT'S FOR MY SISTER!!
I CAN'T STAND TO SEE HER IN THAT STATE ANYMORE!
AH! DARN!
I was almost excited!
ATCHOO!
YOU'RE BACK.
WHAT'S WITH THAT STORY ABOUT DATING YUMIKO?!
HOW CAN YOU AGREE TO IT?!
TAP TAP TAP
Oh sorry!
BIG SISTER
ASUKA!

IF YOU WERE TO ASK ME FOR SUCH A THING, ASUKA, I WOULD STRAIGHT OUT REFUSE IT!
GRR
BUT NOBODY IS TALKING ABOUT THAT!
WELL, I'M GOING TO TRANSLATE "IF YOU SINCERELY FALL IN LOVE WITH THAT GIRL, I'LL BREAK UP WITH YOU, AND I'LL GO OUT WITH YAJIMA."
KAZUSA SPARE ME YOUR FOOLISHNESS!!
Secre
I BELIEVE THAT YAJIMA...
SINCERE LOVE
Cough
Cough
ATCHOO!
Cough
BUT THIS GIRL...
...IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING...
ATCHOO!
SLAM
Damn! I should have asked for twenty videos!
AND THERE HE GOES SULKING
HMPH
WELL, ALL RIGHT... I'LL GO OUT WITH HER.
ANYWAY, SHE'S SUCH AN INNOCENT GIRL THAT IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.

HOW LUCKY YOU ARE, ASUKA!
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T FEEL AT EASE IN MY MIND, BUT...
IT'S CRAZY THAT IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU!
Too much is a bit bad. A little bit is delightful.
OH, HONESTLY, BIG SISTER! JEALOUSY IS THE NUMBER ONE BAROMETER FOR LOVE!
THUD
YOU'RE ALWAYS WITH MANATO
MY DREAM IS TO SPEND EVEN JUST ONE DAY WITH HIM.
HEHE BUT I'M ALREADY HAPPY WITH JUST LOOKING AT HIS FACE
I'D HAVE PREFERRED HER TO BE A HATEFUL GIRL.

EVERYDAY, DURING LUNCH BREAK
SHE DELIBERATELY COMES OVER FROM JUNIOR HIGH AND WAITS A LONG TIME JUST TO SEE HIM WALK BY
IT'S RATHER ADMIRABLE FROM HER AND I CAN'T REPROACH HER FOR IT
YES THIS SUNDAY
Smile.
TO THE AMUSEMENT PARK IS THAT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?
WHAT?
M, ME?
YOUR BROTHER HAD PROMISED YOU TO TAKE YOU WITH HIM, BUT SOMETHING HAS COME UP SO, I'M HERE AS HIS REPLACEMENT
THEN, I'LL PICK YOU UP AT NOON.
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
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THIS IS GREAT, YUMIKO!!
HE'S THE BOY FROM LAST TIME ISN'T HE?!
YUMIKO?
Yajima you'd better give me those videos
MANATO HAS REALLY JUST IN-VITED ME
I'M NOT DREAM-ING
THAT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TO HOPE FOR
OH? WHERE'S MANATO?
IN THE JUNIOR HIGH BUILDING INVITING YUMIKO ON A DATE
WHAT?! ASUKA! YOU AGREED TO IT?! WHY?!

I ASKED HIM TO.
YOU'RE ALL WEIRDOS
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT .
...MANATO IS THE SUPREME SEX MANIAC?!
AKEMI KANZAKI
YES... I'M ALSO WORRIED.
Si——lence
They had forgotten.

A SECOND-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT STARTS TO FEEL HIS BODY AWAKENING
You stirred his curiosity, Asuka!
BESIDES, YOU AGREED TO IT, ASUKA!
BIG BROTHER HAS WAITED FOR A LONG TIME TO MAKE LOVE TO SOMEONE!
I HOPE EVERYTHING IS GOING WELL FOR YUMIKO
THAT GIRL'S NAIVETY MADE YOU FORGET SUDOU'S TRUE NATURE...
What I wanna? Really?
If you're the one to ask...
MANATO, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO ME
AAAAAH! IT'S TOO LATE TO GO BACK!
AT THE SLIGHTEST JOKE THEY'RE AS GULLIBLE AS THEY COME
They really think it seriously
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT MANATO ISN'T VERY TRUST-WORTHY
ATCHOO!
ON THE DAY OF THE DATE

ASUKA WENT OUT TO RUN AN ERRAND
SIS! I'M LEAVING! I'M REALLY LEAVING!
And Mom isn't leaving?
WELL I'M HEADING OFF TO MY DATE WITH YUMIKO!
IT'S TOO BAD FOR YOU SHE'S NOT JEALOUS
...
DING DONG
Trouble Trouble
Damn Asuka!
passed her shit on to me
YUMIKO! MANATO'S HERE!

GOOD MORNING!
Wait.
MANATO! YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO PERVERTED THINGS
I wouldn't dare!
You're not allowed to grope her, in the public classes. For example
AND DON'T MENTION ASUKA TO HER
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
Hello!
SHE'S RATHER CUTE
TAP
Hey! I'm already in love at first sight with my sister so not with little girls!
UM, YUMIKO MANATO IS GOING TO ACCOMPANY YOU INSTEAD OF ME.

Silence
Ssssshhhh
ASUKA!
Then let's exit First
HIDE
SHALL WE START TO TAIL THEM?
LET'S GO!

ERR, YUMIKO?
Are you listening?
AAAH THE BEATING OF MY HEART ECHOES UP TO MY HEAD
Thump
Thump
Thump
YUMIKO, WHAT DO YOU CHOOSE?
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GOING OUT WITH MANATO
Thump
Thump
Thump
WHAT? AH ERR, YES WHAT I WANT...
Let's see...
A SAND-WICH...
I'M INVITING YOU, SO ORDER WHATEVER YOU WANT.
SOME-TIMES THE TOPPING COMES OFF WITH THE FIRST BITE
HA
Err...
THEY DON'T MAKE THEM HERE.
AN... AN OYAKODON-BURI*?
I'M GOING TO HAVE SAUCE STUCK ALL AROUND MY MOUTH
HA
NO... A PIZZA.
I'LL HAVE TO OPEN MY MOUTH WIDE IN FRONT OF HIM
HA
ERR, NO SPA-GHETTI...

*Japanese dish made with chicken and an omelette served on rice. It can only be found in small traditional restaurants.

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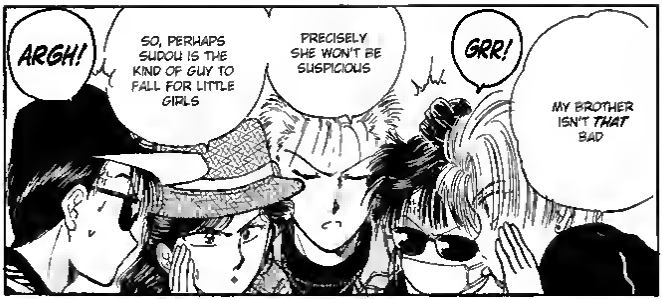
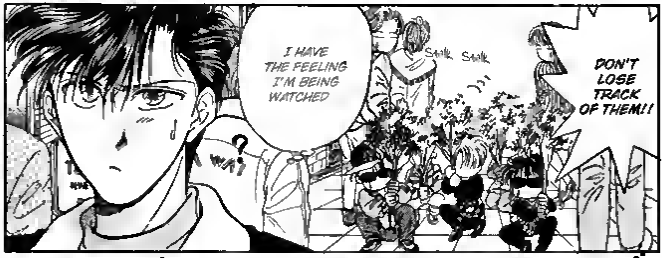

ARGH!
SO, PERHAPS SUDOU IS THE KIND OF GUY TO FALL FOR LITTLE GIRLS
PRECISELY SHE WON'T BE SUSPICIOUS
GRR!
MY BROTHER ISN'T THAT BAD


I HAVE THE FEELING I'M BEING WATCHED
Sniik Sniik
DON'T LOSE TRACK OF THEM!!

THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE
But we still have time to go through several obstacles.
THIS WAY WE WON'T LOSE EACH OTHER!
GRAB
Thump
OH! HE HAS TAKEN HOLD OF HER HAND!!
That guy moves fast!!
MANATO IF YOU GO ANY FURTHER, I'LL KILL YOU
Thump
Thump
Thump
MANATO
Thump
Thump

KYAAAH
I WOULD ALSO HAVE LIKED TO GO TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK WITH MANATO
DUKU DUKU
YUMIKO LOOKS SO HAPPY
HOW I UNDERSTAND HER
I'M SORRY, MY LORD! I HAVE SINNED!
BE QUIET, TOORU!
I HOPE THAT MANATO WON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION
AAAH! IT'S SPINNING! MY HEAD IS SPINNING!
I HOPE THAT MANATO WON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION
TURN TURN
WAAH
AAAH! I WANT TO GO BACK DOWN!!
I HOPE THAT MANATO WON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION

My... My face hasn't gone back to normal yet...
Shake
Shake
THOSE TWO HAVE A HELL OF A PACE!!
Ha Ha
THEY'RE OVER THERE
WHAT?! ALONE IN THE DARK?!
I KNOW YOU, MANATO!!
YOU REALLY CAN'T RELY ON HIM.
I'm shaking here
DASH
AAAAAAAAH!
IT'S NOTHING!
AAAAAAAH!
SORRY!
Jump
MY SIS MAY WELL AND TRULY LOOK STRONG, BUT SHE'S TERRIFIED OF THAT KIND OF
Chuckle

SHE LEFT ME OUT IN THE COLD
WHERE COULD SHE BE?
...?
IF YOU'RE SO SCARED, WHY DON'T YOU STAY OUTSIDE?!
Grechh Grechhh
She's there.
I HAD A GREAT DAY
EXHAUSTED
Are you all right?
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE THAT HE DIDN'T NOTICE US!
DAMN... I FEEL LIKE I'M RUNNING A FEVER
MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

MANATO, DO YOU .
HAVE A GIRLFRIEND OR A GIRL YOU LOVE?
BLUB
Thump Thump
Thump Thump
Thump Thump
N...

NO.
I'M GOING BACK HOME...
WHAT?!
WHAT AM I DOING?
I COULD TELL HIM THAT I LOVE HIM...
Clench
Relieved
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT...

DON'T TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY, ASUKA. IT WAS ME WHO ASKED MANATO TO KEEP YOU A SECRET FROM YUMIKO...
THU-UMP
IT'S NOT FOR THAT REASON. I HAVE A FEVER.
AND BESIDES,
OUR RELATIONSHIP IS A SECRET FROM EVERYONE ANYWAY.
ERR... MANATO I...
ASUKA!
OUCH
CLANG

EH?
ASUKA?!
ASUKA? AND MY BROTHER??
RATTLE
I KNEW IT! WHAT ARE BOTH OF YOU DOING HERE?!
OUCH!!
We've been discovered!
Turn into Mannequins
WERE YOU HOPING TO TRICK ME WITH THAT?!

WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU TO DO THAT SINCE YOU'RE ILL?!
FOOL!!
HE CALLED HER "ASUKA" AND NOT "SIS"
MANATO! WHAT A COINCIDENCE! WE WERE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TO BUY RICE IN A BAKERY
AND YOU'RE PASSING THROUGH THE AMUSEMENT PARK FOR THAT REASON?! LIARS! YOU WERE FOLLOWING US!
NO! I'M PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT...
Cough Cough
THERE'S SOMETHING
ODD
GOING ON BETWEEN THEM

Slap away
AREN'T THEY REAL SIBLINGS?
I'M TELLING YOU THAT I'M FINE! I'M RETURNING HOME WITH YAJIMA!
SORRY TO HAVE DISRUPTED YOUR DATE WITH YUMIKO
SINCE HE'S A BIT OF A SEX MANIAC, I INTENDED TO KEEP AN EYE ON MY BROTHER!
Grip
BUT WE'RE LEAVING LET'S GO!
SORRY YUMIKO, BUT I'M GOING TO WALK HER HOME!

EARLIER, WHEN I ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION
ACTUALLY .. I'M IN LOVE WITH ASUKA!
MANATO! UNHAND ME!!
FORGIVE ME FOR LYING TO YOU, YUMIKO
WE AREN'T BLOOD RELATED

MANATO!
I'M SORRY!
HE ENDED UP BLURTING OUT EVERY-THING
I HAD NO IDEA
YU... YUMIKO ERR...
BIG BROTHER, YOU WERE AWARE OF IT?
YOU, TOO, ASUKA...
THAT'S HORRIBLE.

BIG BROTHER, ASUKA, I HATE YOU!!
YOU WERE MESSING AROUND WITH ME, WAS IT FUN...
EVERYBODY KNEW ABOUT IT, EXCEPT ME.
YOU MADE ME LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT
YUMIKO!!
YUMIKO!

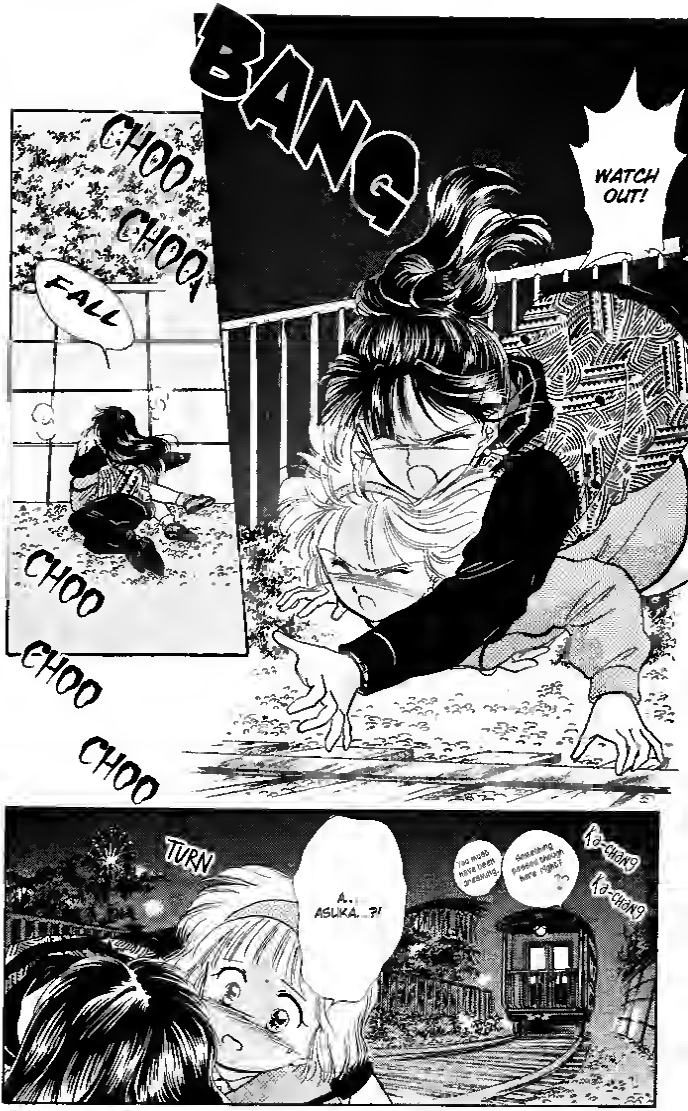
I ACTED WRONGLY BY NOT TAKING THIS MATTER SERIOUSLY.
SHE WOULD HAVE ENDED UP LEARNING THE TRUTH ANYWAY AND SOONER OR LATER, SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN HURT.
WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO YOU, MANATO?
WHY DID YOU TELL HER THAT?
YUMIKOOOO!
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD HER RIGHT AWAY I COULDN'T RETURN HER FEELINGS.
STAY HERE, ASUKA! I'M GOING TO GET HER!
NO... I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS WRONG.
DEEP DOWN, I DIDN'T WANT TO HAND HIM OVER TO ANYONE.
AND YET, I ASKED HIM TO PLAY AT BEING ANOTHER GIRL'S BOYFRIEND.
We'll help you!

I WANTED TO SOOTHE YUMIKO'S PAIN,
AND YET I HURT HER ALL THE MORE!!
YAJIMA, HAVE YOU FOUND HER?
NO!
SUCH A NAIVE YOUNG GIRL
IF A PERVERT WERE TO CROSS PATHS WITH HER...
YUMIKOOOO! I'M SORRY!

BUT FOR AN INSTANT, I BELIEVED IN IT
I ALREADY KNEW I DIDN'T MEASURE UP TO MANATO
THAT'S HORRIBLE
SNIFF
SNIFF
HUFF
HUFF
AH!
YUMIKO!!

AH!
DASH
ASUKA!
I'M GLAD TO HAVE FOUND YOU... COME! EVERYBODY IS LOOKING FOR YOU
NO! I DON'T WANT HER TO SEE MY FACE!
Gwoo
Gwoo
Gwoo
WAIT, YUMI-KOOOO!!
Reward! Danger!
危険ですのでこの中に
入ってはい

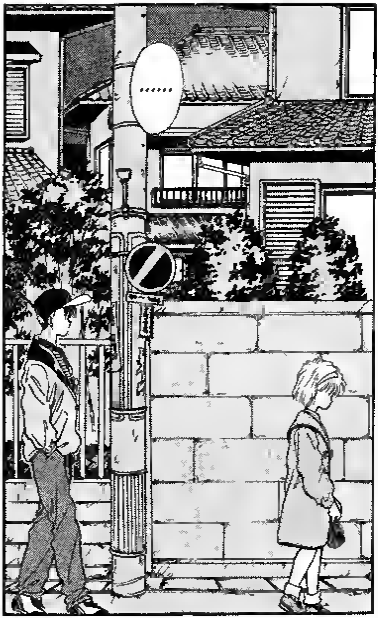
NO! NOT OVER THERE!
HEAVE
AH!
CHOO
CHOO
CHOO
YUMIKOO!!


BANG
WATCH OUT!
CHOO CHOO
FALL
CHOO
CHOO
CHOO
TURN
A.. ASUKA..?!
no matter how long it takes!
Something seems fishy!! here right?
to-chong
to-chong

FORTUNATELY, I DO GYMNASTICS
MY TIMING WAS PERFECT
Even if I missed my reception.
Huff Huff
Haa
ASUKA! BUT YOU'RE RUNNING A FEVER!
I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH SOONER... ABOUT MANATO...
I'M SORRY, YUMIKO
Huff Huff
BUT... YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME.
I HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION TO MAKE FUN OF YOU... I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS.
...ALL THE BETTER NOWADAYS SINCE I WATCHED YOU FROM THE SHADOWS
IT'S HARD TO SEE MANATO WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO SAY ANYTHING...
BUT... YOU SEE... NEITHER CAN I...

...I CAN'T TELL MANATO I LOVE HIM IN PUBLIC.
BECAUSE OFFICIALLY, WE'RE BROTHER AND SISTER
AH
DESPITE HER FEELINGS SHE WATCHED ME GOING OUT WITH MANATO
DESPITE HER FEELINGS SHE LISTENED TO ME
SHE CAN'T SAY ANYTHING WHILE MANY GIRLS ARE HANGING AROUND HIM.
SORRY

SHE WAS ONLY THINK-ING ABOUT ME
IT'S FOR MY SAKE SHE WAS DOING THIS...
ME, TOO
I ASK FOR YOUR FOR-GIVENESS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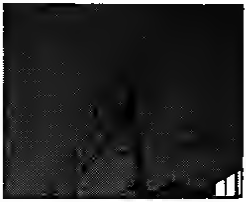
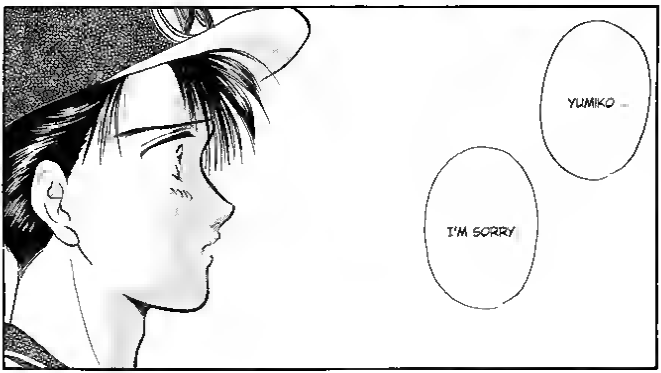
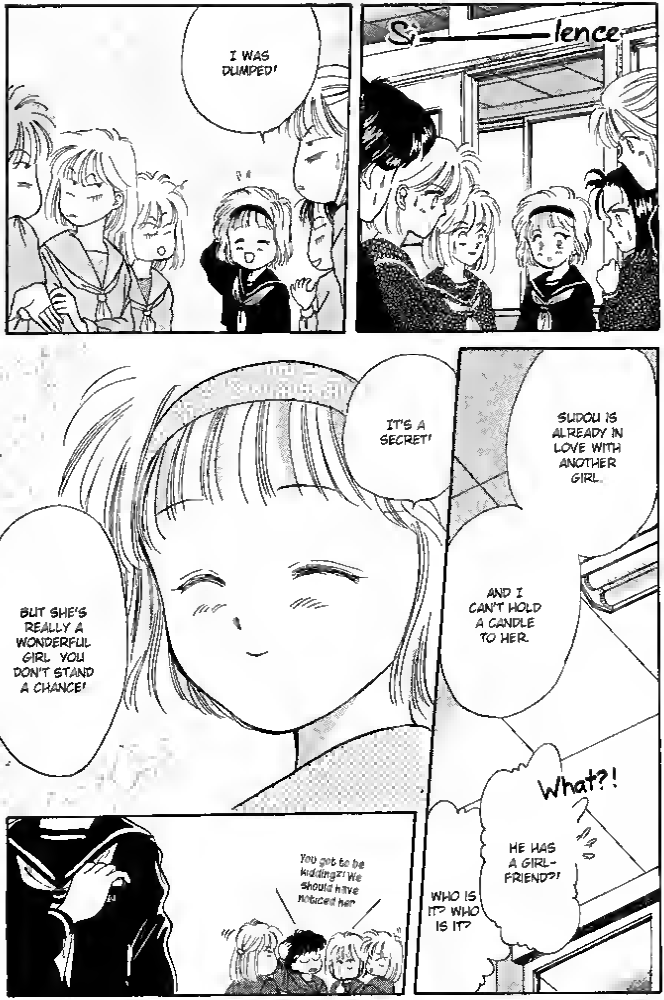



YUMIKO...
I'M SORRY

I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED THIS OF MANATO AND ASUKA..
IT'S ALL RIGHT, BIG BROTHER. I KNOW YOU DID IT FOR ME
I HAD A NICE DAY.
THANKS
YUMIKO
SORRY

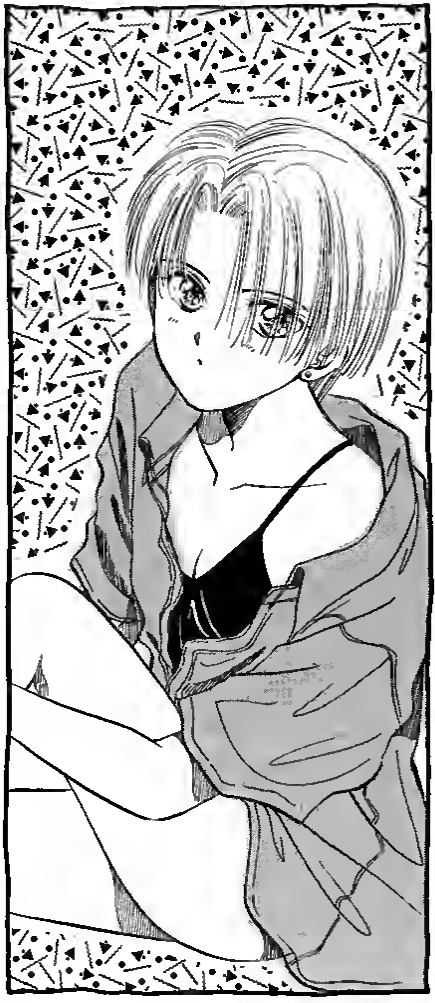
I WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT
IF YOU HAD TOLD ME FROM THE BEGINNING, "NO, I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO ON A DATE WITH ANOTHER GIRL, OR ELSE I'M GOING TO CRY"...
YOU HAD BETTER NOT GO TO SCHOOL!
Darn it!
38.5!
Cough Cough
HEY YOU! YOU ACCEPTED IN ORDER TO GET PORNO VIDEOS IT SEEMS
ARGH!
BUT I'M HAPPY
I'm sick
IT SUCKS FOR YUMIKO, BUT...
YOU PUBLICLY REVEALED OUR LOVE
Thank you

I'D RATHER HAVE A KISS!
IF YOU WANT TO THANK ME
HELLO!
WOW!
YUMIKO IS HERE!
SO?! THE DATE?!


I WAS DUMPED!
Silence
IT'S A SECRET!
SUDOU IS ALREADY IN LOVE WITH ANOTHER GIRL.
BUT SHE'S REALLY A WONDERFUL GIRL YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE!
AND I CAN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO HER.
What?!
HE HAS A GIRL-FRIEND?!
WHO IS IT? WHO IS IT?
You got to be kidding?! We should have noticed her!

*End - "A Secret I Love You"

Previously, I had written down my thanks to those among you who had sent me audio cassettes. I was so happy when I received them, but I worry that in the long run, it might be expensive. Don't bother too much with me. The fact that you're reading my mangas is delightful enough for me. The gifts you're sending me are also a hell lot of a surprise. I'm moved that you don't keep these things for yourself. In any case, thank you very much. I'm putting them on display in the windowpane of my chest where I use them cautiously. Truly, thank you. That amazes me. I haven't even met most of you. I really have incredible fans. By the way, you appear to be picturing mangakas in a funny way. I sometimes receive letters saying "I imagine you like that, and that..." or magnificent drawings. It moves me a lot. The shape I appear in the manga isn't really like me. You should know that! I don't speak well. (I may even have bad manners.) People are often mistaken about what I say and my character is rather masculine. I have a deep voice and a sharp tone. (On the phone, I'm often mistaken for a man. Well, that's a bit much. People are going to believe I'm disgusted with myself.) I'm not very feminine. Aah! I really have no qualities!! Those who think that authors are similar to their characters are naive, aren't they. [2]



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